

Bay native wins big on 'Wheel'

Ashley Foster of Bay St. Louis hits the jackpot on TV's 'Wheel of Fortune.' Page 12

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DBPA meetings are Thursday

The Diamondhead Business/ Professional Meeting will take place from 8-9 a.m. Thursday at Jackie O's Restaurant at Diamondhead Shopping Center. For more info, call 228-669-6111. After Hours will be held at Jackie O's on Thursday from 5-7 p.m.

Meeting for child care providers

For anyone who operated a child-care program or facility, or for anyone interested in establishing one, a meeting will be held at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 312 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Thursday at 1 p.m. Information regarding state funded assistance will be discussed, and expert advice will be available.

Shamrockers to meet Thursday

The SHAMROCKERS will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the VFW Post 3253 home on Third St. in Bay St. Louis. Please attend because plans and preparation for St. Patrick's Day are on the agenda. RSVP to Randolph Bourgeois at 263-7878.

Open-air market

The first business back on Coleman Avenue in Waveland is an open-air market. Fresh produce and home made goodies will be some of the items for sale. The market will open each Saturday, beginning Jan. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 301 Coleman Avenue. Come visit on Saturday or call Joan

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Body count may rise as debris removal continues

'There are still some people missing ... I can't say what the exact number is.'

—Brian Adam



Adam: Official toll now stands at 55

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Debris removal is in full swing, as the Army Corps of Engineers have contracted

more than 100 work crews in Hancock County. As the debris removal process goes on, many county residents have begun to speculate on

how much the body count will rise, as the county begins to uncover the wreckage left behind by Hurricane Katrina.

The official body count for Hurricane Katrina is now at 55, according to Hancock

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Back in Play



An artist's conception of the Silver Slipper, LLC plan for a new land-based casino and entertainment complex at Bayou Caddy. Graphics courtesy of the DMR

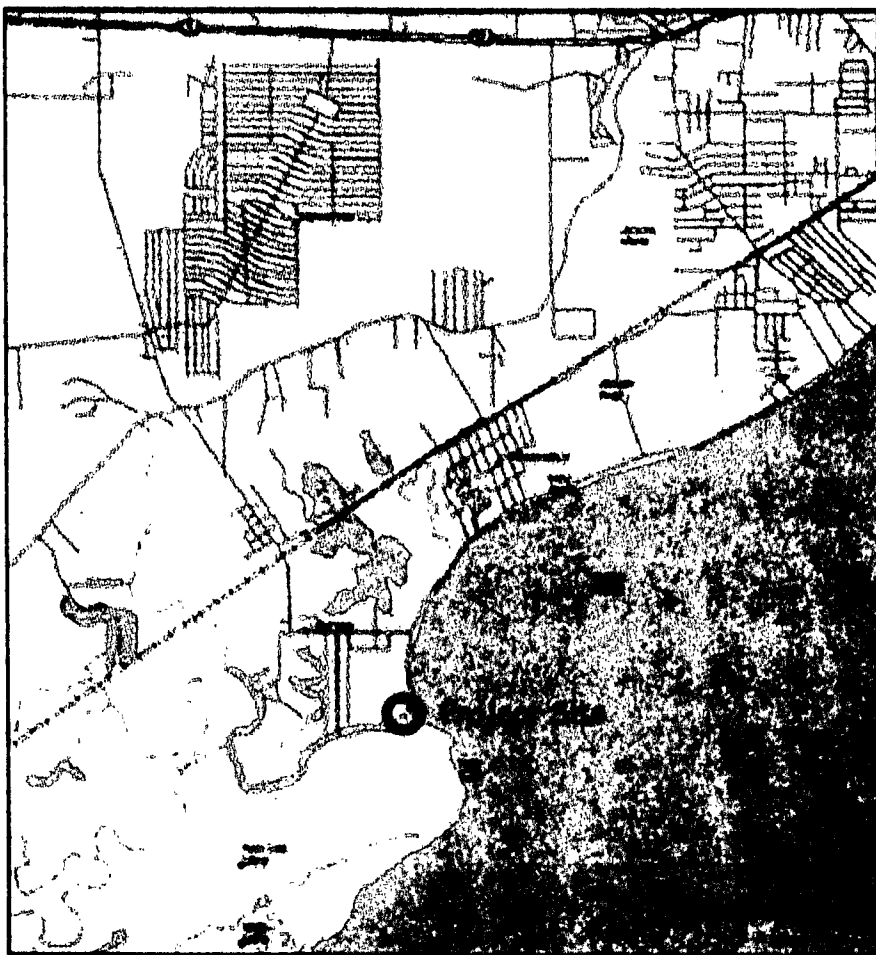
Silver Slipper wants land-based complex at Bayou Caddy

SEA COAST ECHO

Hurricane Katrina may have slowed down plans for a new casino at Bayou Caddy, but it didn't stop them. The Silver Slipper is back in play with a new land-based plan.

Investors in the Silver Slipper broke ground on the project last year after more than three years of planning. The group then took over the President Casino in Biloxi and had planned to move the President's barge to the Bayou Caddy site. The barge, however, got wiped out by Katrina on Aug. 29.

The Mississippi



Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will be holding a public hearing on Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at 3068 Longfellow Road, Unit 3, Bay

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Bay floating ferry concept

Plan to run between Bay, Henderson Pt. building up steam

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The idea of a ferry that would traverse the Bay of St. Louis has been picking up steam in recent weeks. Community leaders and planners are optimistic about plans for a ferry that would launch at Washington St. and land at the Baptist Assembly center in Henderson Point.

Last week Congressman Gene Taylor discussed the idea in several area meetings.

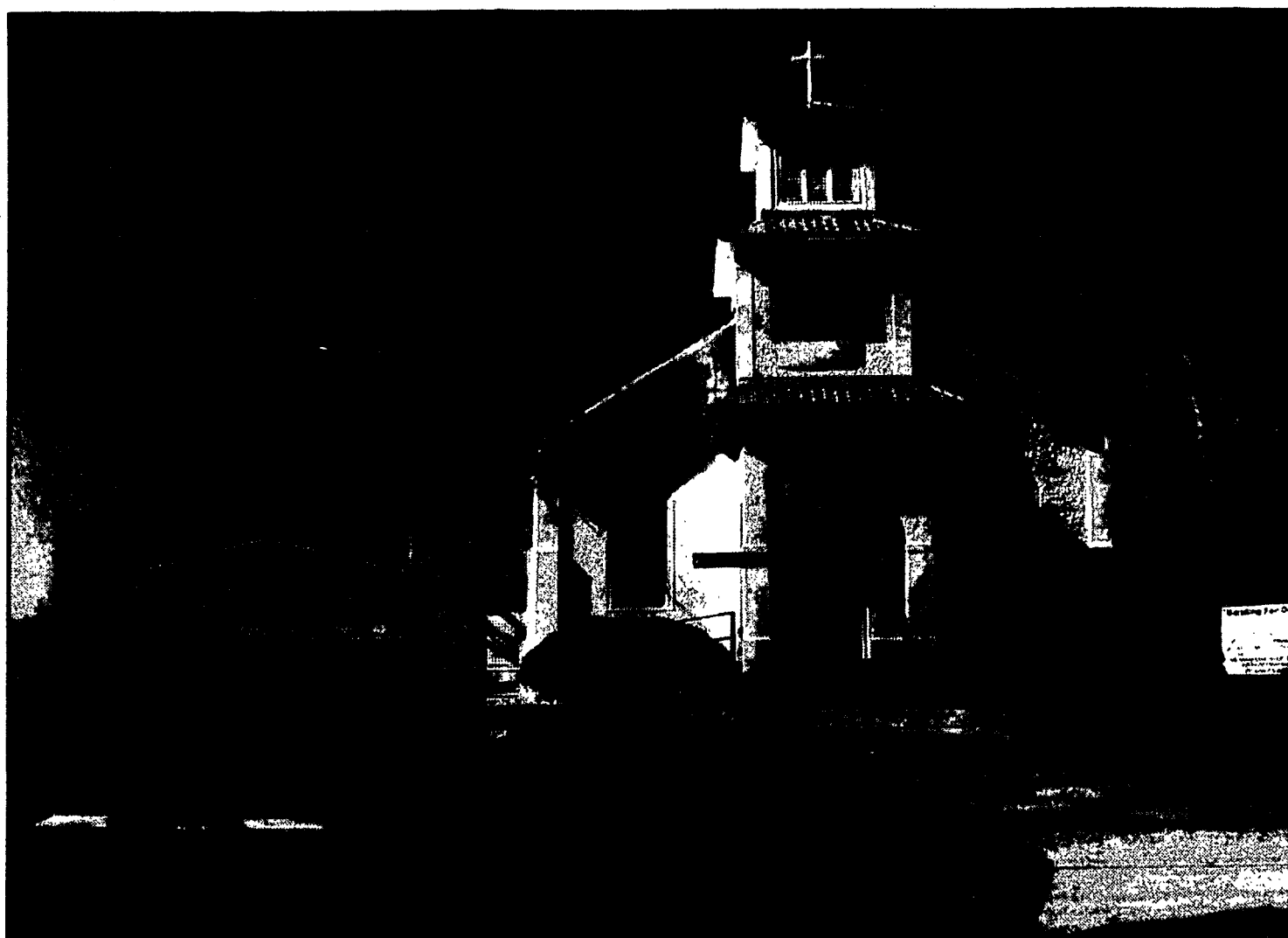
"It used to take four minutes to cross the Bay, and now it takes 45," Taylor said.

Bay St. Louis Director of Public Affairs Buzz Olsen has also been instrumental in the ferry idea, and Olsen hopes that the project can get underway as soon as possible.

"We are looking at the Washington street and Henderson point sites. Both sites have been used before by CSX as a lay down site before, so there should be no problems with getting the boats in," Olsen said. "Congressman Taylor has met with the Baptist Assembly and there is ongoing conversation there, we have looked at other landing sites as well."

Olsen said that plans are still in the development stages, and there

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St. Rose De Lima Catholic Church, on Necaise Ave. in Bay St. Louis.

Photos by Brandon Ross

St. Rose serves up fish & love

BY BRANDON ROSS
Contributing Writer

A Friday afternoon fish fry would usually be nothing out of the ordinary for St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church. But one earlier this month was special.

"It's the first one since Katrina," says coordinator Marilyn Smith.

It seems with each plate of catfish sold, they're handing residents a piece of their life back.

"People are waiting on a sense of normalcy. Even though it's a fundraiser, it's a part of normal life. It gives a sense of identity with people," says Reverend

Sebastian Myladiyil.

"There's been an overwhelming response," says Smith. "It's something they were used to before Katrina."

These fish fries have indeed been a part of life in Bay St. Louis for 10 or 15 years. This event, sponsored by Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, will fund student scholarships. It's not just a fundraiser, though.

"It gives them a sense of hope," Myladiyil says. "Not that they see all their problems solved, but they have a sense of hope through the problems."

And he sees hope

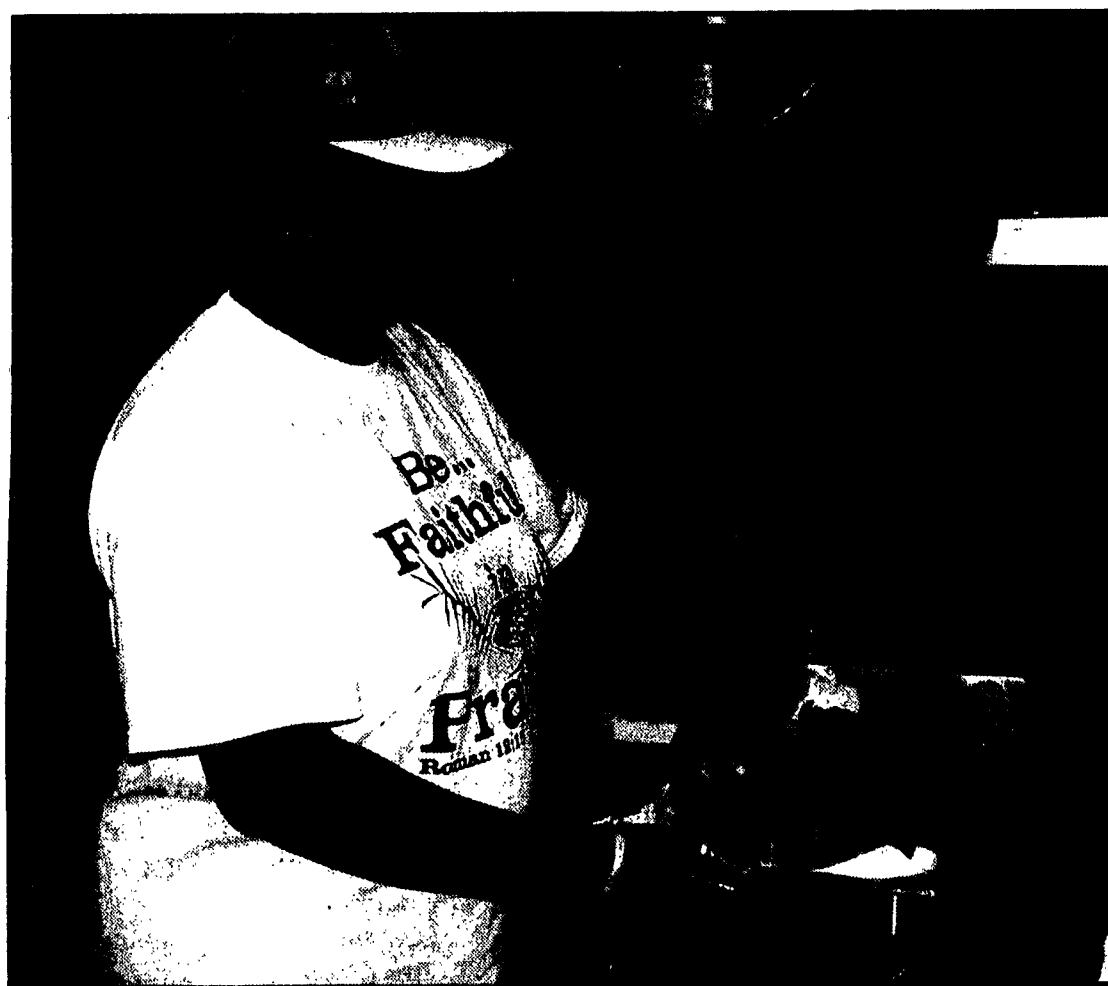
growing in the community, despite the marks of Katrina all around. The windows of the church are still boarded up. Trees around the building are leaning. But the progress Myladiyil sees is more than physical.

"I see lots of improvement. Every day," he says. Barbara Powell worked in the kitchen all day, expecting to make around 400 plates of catfish. Friday morning she realized one of the two burners in the kitchen was broken. Volunteers worked twice as hard frying fish, packing bread, and fixing plates.

"We're a little behind.

We're having to make do with what we have," said Smith.

"It's something different, something new, something fun, something good," Powell said. "And who can resist food made with love?"



The Ladies of Peter Claver and St. Rose Church prepare fried fish dinners to raise funds for student scholarships recently.



Need help with your income taxes?

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) will both provide free tax assistance at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County and Kiln Public Libraries. Electronic filing is available from both groups.

VITA provides assistance from 3-7 p.m. at the Kiln Public Library

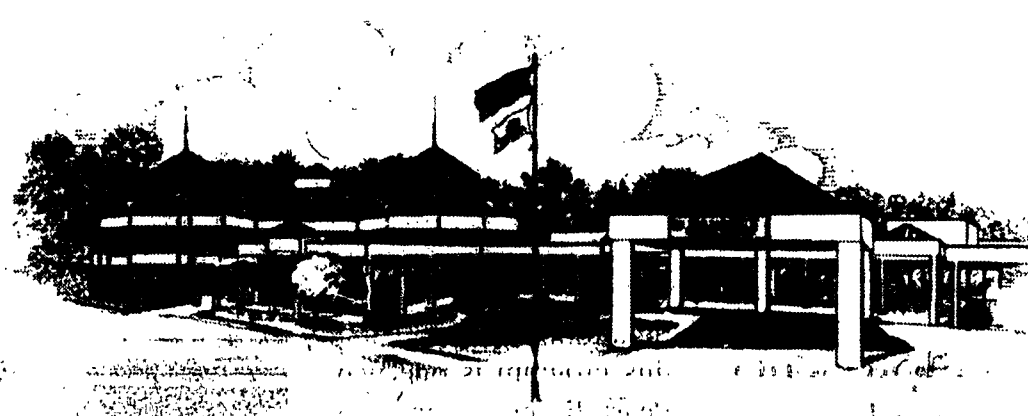
on Tuesdays, and from 3-7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Thursdays.

Beginning February 2, the AARP Tax Aides will provide assistance on from 9 a.m. - 1p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, and from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Kiln Public Library.

Hancock Library hosts preschool story times

Children preschool age are invited to attend the library's story times each week. The programs are designed for children 3 and 4 years of age. The programs include storytelling and crafts, and last approximately one half hour, depending

upon activity. Story times meet each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library and each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Public Library. For more info, call 467-5282 or 255-1724.



Need A Doctor?

The physicians listed below are all accepting new patients. If your doctor relocated outside the community and you wish to have a local healthcare provider, call one of the numbers listed below, or 467-8744 for information

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a list of those arrested in Hancock County from Jan. 14-23. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

STAFF REPORT

Larry Boudreaux, 50, careless driving, DUI, driving on a suspended D/L

Terry Allen, 21, DUI, disturbance of peace, driving on a suspended D/L, disorderly conduct

Carl Crowley, 44, Trespassing, simple possession, open container

Roger Schultz, 56, Trespassing, simple possession, open container

Diana Wilson, 37, Bad check, hold for Tate County

John Meyers, 46, simple assault domestic

Rusty Myers, 46, simple assault domestic

Jennifer Cuevas, 35, possession of controlled substance

Randy Cuevas, 35, leaving scene of accident, public drunk

Kenneth Larousse, 48, dog fighting, alias capias

Ernie Lizana, 55, simple assault domestic

Phillip Hunnicut, 31, simple assault domestic

Ernest Beech, 36, simple assault domestic

Thomas Bone, 30, public drunk, suspended D/L

Floyd Agee, 47, public drunk

Shannon Roser, 32, public drunk

Donald Mask, 48, public drunk

Michael Herring, 223, public drunk

Ronald Stiglett, 28, public drunk, public profanity, disorderly conduct

Christy Stiglett, 25, DUI

Maria Rodriguez, 43,

disturbance of peace

Michael Blackwell, 53, simple assault domestic

Jimmy Goodman, 24, simple assault domestic

Eric Goodman, 22, simple assault domestic

Antonia Cervatez, illegal dumping

Lara Ortega, 25, illegal dumping

Jamie David, 28, illegal dumping

Chaves Desiderio, public drunk

Larry Wynn, public drunk

James Marshall, 38, public drunk

Ronald Wilson, 41, public drunk, disorderly conduct

Daniel Lightell, 25, driving on a suspended D/L

Ian Wangert, 31, possession of a controlled substance

Ronald Ginder, 56,

DUI, careless driving

Darrell Guiles, 50, simple assault, driving on a suspended license

Ilka Ortiz, 40, possession of controlled substance, simple assault domestic

Herman Penton Jr, 37, driving on a suspended D/L, reckless driving, no insurance, improper equipment, leaving the scene of accident

Sharon Everidge, 27, Transfer of controlled substance alias capias

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PRCC sponsors training for construction industry jobs

**Project
Outreach, will
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in the basics**

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Pearl River Community College, in conjunction with the Mississippi Construction Education Foundation and TDWA (Twin District Workforce Area), is offering a new four-week multi-craft training program in construction basics.

The program, called Project Outreach, will train students in construction basics to prepare them for direct entry into jobs rebuilding South Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina.

Classes will begin March 6 at the Hancock High School Vo-Tech Center in the Kiln. Classes will meet Monday through Friday, March 6-April from 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, April 8 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and April 10-14 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

There is no cost. Tuition is paid by TDWA, MDES and PRCC.

"Across South Mississippi, people are working to rebuild their homes and businesses that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina," said Scott Alsobrooks, Director of Workforce Education at PRCC.

"The construction industry is looking for trained workers to begin the rebuilding process, and this program is one way Pearl River Community College can help in those efforts."

Skills include carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, drywall, painting and a 10-hour OSHA safety training session. The classes will teach individuals these entry-level skills so they can become employed by contractors and construction companies.

"Construction folks we talk to tell us that they need people with these sorts of job skills, and they want to hire people who have some basic training and knowledge in their field," said Alsobrooks. "This is just one of the many ways workforce education can help with workforce needs."

Program organizers are planning a job fair for participants on Saturday, April 8, with the hope that all students who complete the training will find employment. Class attendance and a drug test will be requirements for completing the program.

For more information or to register for the Project Outreach multi-craft training program, contact Donna Clinton at 601-554-4646 or Angelia Ryals at 601-554-4649 at Pearl River Community College.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

This one's for the birds

As I sit down to write this, I hear the chirping of a small flock of blackbirds and the cry of a wren.

On the other side of my yard is the chatter of a group of golden finches.

Occasionally, there are a red-billed woodpecker and a mockingbird around the yard and a few sparrows.

No calls of blue jays have I heard since Katrina. The ringneck and common doves, a few come to feed from time to time.

Gray squirrels were all over the place before the storm. These "pests" cleaned out our pecan trees which were beaten up by Katrina.

After the storm, there were a couple around, but I no longer see any. They could have moved away, seeking a food supply or became victims of a couple of visiting hawks.

A few weeks after Katrina, I could hear the chatter of the golden finches on their arrival from the north.

Since Jane and I

had been feeding them in previous years, they returned again.

I told Jane we needed to go to Gulfport and get some thistle seed while getting other supplies, which we did.

The feeder was up only a few minutes when several appeared and, by the next day, a flock was here.

I guess you wonder if I have gone to the birds by now. Well, maybe.

What I'm leading up to is the fact that just as we humans had to seek handouts from others, so did the birds.

On of our great assets is the variety of local and visiting birds.

As Katrina cleaned out our feeding places, the same thing happened to the wildlife.

Those who lost their homes completely, I don't expect them to worry about the small creatures as much as those who still have a home standing.

I have also seen a couple of bluebirds checking their nests in

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State taxing smokers' patience

For more than a half-century as a close journalistic observer of the Legislature, I've rarely seen such a notable achievement as came out of the state's lawmaking body two weeks ago.

With breathtaking swiftness, legislators voted to gradually rid the state of its oppressive (nation's highest) 7 cent grocery sales tax by 2014 and at the same time shift a higher tax burden to cigarette smokers whose habit constitutes a major health hazard.

In my long history of Legislature-watching, that ranks as one of its most courageous accomplishments.

However, as this was written, it was still unknown if the bill's veto by Republican Gov. Haley Barbour, not long

ago the top lobbyist for the tobacco industry, would undo the historic tax equity package lawmakers had sent him.

Significantly, his veto message barely mentioned the cigarette tax hike from 18 cents to \$1 a pack. Instead, he focused on the grocery sales tax reduction which he claimed eventually would cost small cities loss of \$8.9 million that they now get from state sales taxes diverted to them.

Barbour's veto sent the tax hike/cut measure

back to the Senate, where the bill had previously passed 36-15, only two votes above a two-thirds margin needed to override a gubernatorial veto.

This set up an unprecedented tug-o-war to override the veto, pitting Barbour and his renowned lobbying talents against Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck and her other Republican allies who until this cigarette/grocery tax flap arose had given the governor a rubber stamp in the Senate.

Because Senate rules, unlike the House, put no

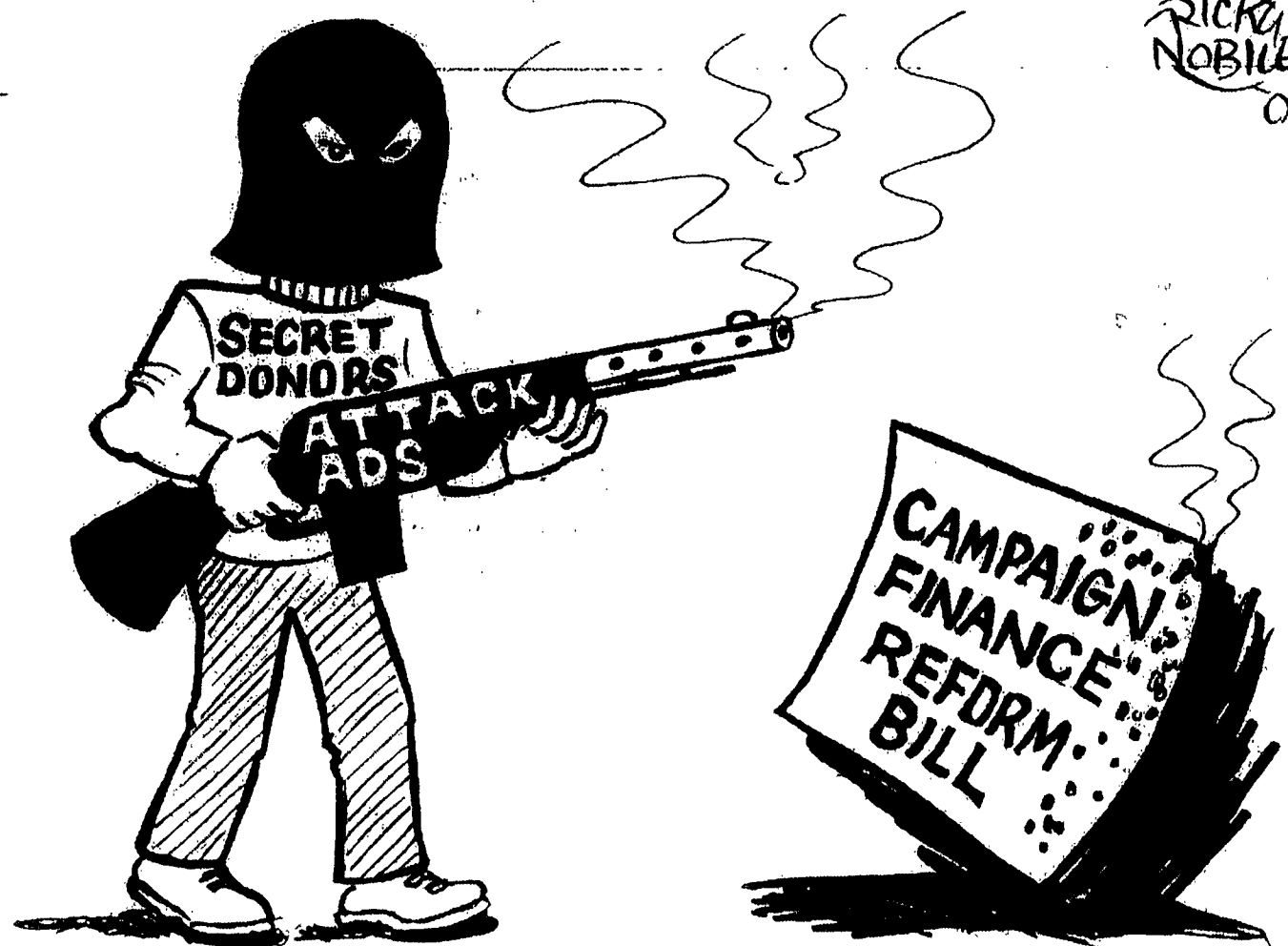
time limit on when the upper chamber must tackle a gubernatorial veto after receiving it, Tuck and backers of the tax measure could bide their time to shore up the necessary two-thirds override margin before putting it to a vote.

If the Senate does nullify Barbour's veto, its certain that the House, where the bill had passed by a lopsided vote of 90 to 30, will follow suit.

As the Senate went home in weekend recess, Barbour's lobby campaign went into overdrive to switch the votes of Republican senators who previously voted for the bill. The Mississippi Municipal League, echoing Barbour's claim that towns would suffer from the grocery sales tax cut,

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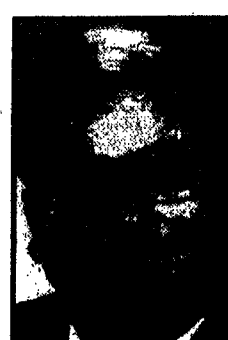
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Legislature is hard at work

The Mississippi Senate continued to work this week. The final day to introduce general bills and constitutional amendments has passed. To date, approximately 1000 bills have been filed by Senators alone. Local and private bills, revenue bills, and resolutions are not subject to this deadline, so more are certain to come.

Our next big deadline is Jan. 31st. By that time, committees must have reported all bills and constitutional amendments originating in their own house. After this deadline, we will have a better idea of what specific bills the senate will debate on the floor.



Legislative Report

by Scottie Cuevas
State Sen.

It is important to bear in mind that the legislative process is deliberate. It takes time and effort to study proposals, determine their effects, and determine if they are affordable. It is the responsibility of the committees to work through all of the bills and bring the most important, potentially influential bills to the floor for a vote.

While we have primarily been working on getting our bills introduced and assigned to committees, we did vote on the floor for a few bills this week. Senate bill 2426, referred to as the "Castle Doctrine" was adopted. This bill extends current law to allow an individual to use deadly force when protecting their vehicle or business after hours from a person try-

ing to hurt, kill, or commit a felony against them. The bill also defines "dwelling" as a building of any kind that has a roof over it, whether it is temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile. The definition makes inclusions for tents and attached porches. Furthermore, the bill does not impose a duty to retreat on an individual before using deadly force. If a person uses deadly force to protect their life, home, car, or business, that person is immune from criminal prosecution and any civil liability.

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weighed in on his side to block the override.

Sen. Videt Carmichael of Meridian was already known to have buckled in order to get back on Barbour's team, and Sen. Mike Chaney of Vicksburg was said to be leaning towards reversing his earlier vote for the bill. Several wavering senators said their concern was over the possible loss of revenue by their home towns from the grocery sales tax cut.

However, Tuck, who stunned lawmakers on Jan. 4 by breaking ranks with Barbour's no-tax-hike doctrine and proposing the \$1 cig tax and grocery tax phase-out, produced new state Tax Commission projections on the grocery tax impact that refuted Barbour's figures.

Meantime, the House

gave overwhelming approval and sent to the Senate a bill that would reimburse municipalities out of the cigarette tax increase to offset any grocery sales tax loss.

In the glare of keen public attention, any senator who now switches his vote under pressure from Barbour and helps sustain his veto, runs the risk of being branded with a "switcher" label the rest of his political career.

As Tuck's confrontation with Barbour on the taxes plays out this week, it doubtless will be the ultimate test of her political backbone.

Legislative observers are still trying to fathom what motivated Tuck, the former Democrat, to make such a dramatic turnaround on taxes, especially since she helped kill a House-

passed 50-cent cigarette tax last year.

Some have concluded that by pushing elimination of the grocery sales tax which hits low income families the hardest, Tuck has reverted to her hill-country populist roots.

Emergence of the cig tax hike/grocery tax cut measure has unexpectedly opened the door for longtime advocates of overall reform in the state revenue structure to install a system that more equitably distributes the tax burden between Mississippi's upper and lower income groups.

The state, despite the fact it has the nation's lowest per capita income, for years has heavily relied on consumer taxes, led by its high gross sales tax, to fund state services.

Beginning in the

1980s, systematic rate cuts and have made Mississippi's the lowest income tax of Southeastern states. This is especially true because Mississippi corporations are only taxed at the same rate as individuals, unlike all other states in the region which levy a higher rate for corporations. (Florida and Tennessee have no individual income tax, but have stiff ones on corporations.)

Any comprehensive reform to bring equity to the state's tax structure inevitably would put the income tax--both individual and corporate--on the table for the first time in three decades. And that would stir into action the powerful business lobby around the State Capitol which has virtually made income taxes a hands-off issue.

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Senate bill 2017, which deals with motorcycle license tag credits. Last year the Tax Commission had a regulation change that resulted in motorcycle tag costs being calculated on the true value of a motorcycle rather than a depreciated value. The result was a significant increase in tag costs for owners of motorcycles.

The bill creates a motorcycle ad valorem tax credit similar to the tax credit we currently have

on automobiles. If accepted into law, 5 percent of the sales tax collected on motorcycles would go into the credit fund.

This fund will be used to help reduce the cost of license tags for motorcycle owners.

On a final note, as you know, the Senate and House recently passed Senate bill 2310, which eliminates sales tax on groceries over the next eight years and imposes a

tax increase on cigarettes. Governor Barbour delivered his veto message of the bill to the Senate. A vote on the

veto has not yet occurred.

Let me know what you think about these or any other matters of interest to you.

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my yard. Whether they survived the storm or visited after, I do not know.

In a few months, hummingbirds will be making their refueling stop from their wintering grounds.

If you can, why not try to help our feathered friends. They're a part of our great Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Please, don't call the whitecoats.

SBA hurricane loans surpass \$3 billion mark

The U.S. Small Business Administration continues to approve recovery and rebuilding loans for residents and businesses in the Gulf Coast region at a record pace.

Following Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, the SBA has now approved more than \$3 billion in low-interest, taxpayer-backed disaster loans - \$1 billion approved in the first 18 days of January alone. Loan approvals for the month have averaged more than \$54.5 million per day.

"Our response to this massive disaster continues to accelerate at a record pace," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. "Roughly 90 days after Katrina struck we reached \$1 billion in loan approvals. Twenty-eight days later we reached \$2 billion and less than three weeks after that we reached \$3 billion."

Homeowners, renters and businesses in the declared disaster areas are eligible for SBA disaster loans. To date, almost 36,000 loans for more than \$2.4 billion

have been made to homeowners. Almost \$600 million in disaster loans have been made to businesses. Louisiana has received over \$1.65 billion in disaster loans and Mississippi has received almost \$1.17 billion.

"I am proud of our dedicated staff, who is working with urgency and compassion to help people rebuild their lives after these devastating storms," Barreto said. "We will not stop working to provide needed assistance."

Today, there are more than 4,000 SBA employees working on disaster assistance, more than four times the number before Hurricane Katrina struck. The agency has already processed over

167,000 applications and has inspected over 176,000 properties. Already, almost 95 percent of the economic injury disaster loans for small businesses have been processed.

Only one other disaster in the nation's history has exceeded the \$3 billion mark for SBA loans - the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, at \$4 billion in approved loans over a 12-month period. The Florida hurricanes of 2004 topped out at \$1.86 billion after more than nine months.

For more information about the SBA's Disaster Assistance loan programs, visit the SBA Web site at http://www.sba.gov/disaster_recov/hurricanes/.

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Body Count -- still missing

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County Corner Norma Stiglett. Stiglett said that her office is completely caught up with hurricane victims, and that all of the bodies that were being held for identification have now been identified. Stiglett said that there are still a number of missing people, however, and she is concerned that once more of the debris is removed that more victims will be found.

"We have been fortunate so far, but there is an awful lot of debris left in the county," Stiglett said. "I have heard that the cadaver dogs have been out there looking for bodies in certain places. There are a lot of rumors going on, someone even said that they saw me at a site, and I have never been there. I would be one of the first people to

know if there was a body found."

Hancock County Emergency Operations Director Brian Adam said that the EOC has been working on a list of people who are still missing, and that the list should be ready for public release shortly.

"There are still some people missing," Adam said. "We have names of missing people, and we have been working very hard to try to locate these people. We have found some people so the numbers go up and down. I really cannot say for sure what the exact number is, because it is an ongoing process, but we should be verifying all of the names pretty soon. We have looked at some larger areas to see if we could have missed some-

thing. We do not want to speculate on anything just yet, but when there is so much debris you just want to make sure before you remove the debris."

The Army Corps of Engineers is in charge of the cleanup as well as the Right Of Entry (ROE) program, and the numbers of cleanups are slowly moving up as time goes by.

Sgt. First Class Carl Childs of the Army Corps of Engineers said that as of Jan. 23, there has been 371,501 cubic yards of debris removed. There has been 8,846 ROE's signed, and of that the Corps has determined that 6,631 are eligible. Of the 6,631 eligible, 968 ROE's have been completed, nearly 15 percent. Two weeks ago only three percent of the

ROE's had been completed.

"We have stepped things up since the beginning of the new year," Childs said. "We have gotten tremendous support from the community, and hopefully we can get everything cleaned as soon as possible. We are dealing with new debris issues daily, but I applaud the strong spirit of this area, and I expect it to continue."

Childs said that he too, expects more bodies to be found in the wreckage.

"I sure hope that we do not come across any bodies, but with this much destruction in the area, it's almost certain that we will come across more bodies."

Casino -- Silver Slipper

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Casino," according to a statement issued Monday by DMR. "The proposed project would be located at the former Jubilee Casino site near Bayou Caddy."

According to DMR, Silver Slipper Casino Venture, LLC, is proposing to construct a new casino facility with associated restaurant and entertainment facilities at the former site of the Jubilee Casino near Bayou Caddy.

According to the hearing notice, the siting and

construction of the casino will require the relocation of an existing public road (Shipyard Road), which will require the filling of approximately one acre of wetlands and water bottoms.

Approximately 0.6 acre of the fill area is tidal marsh, approximately 0.34 acre of the fill area is high marsh, and approximately 0.06 acre of the fill area is open water associated with a man-made mosquito ditch. The applicant proposes to sufficiently mit-

igate for all wetland impacts. No other activities associated with the development involve direct wetland impacts. The casino and entertainment complex will be a pile-supported land-based structure with adjacent surface and garage parking facilities.

DMR Permit Project Manager Bradley Ennis said yesterday that after the public hearing process, the project will also have to go through permitting procedures with the Mississippi

Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Anyone wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 before 5 p.m. Feb. 6, 2006.

For more information, call the DMR Bureau of Wetland Permitting at (228) 374-5028.

Ferry -- Bay to Pass

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are many possible problems that may occur that need to be addressed.

"We need to see how many Ferry's will be needed, because we will need more than one obviously," Olsen said. "Weather is a concern, as well as debris that is still in the water. The current track is debris free, but between the bridges there is still a lot of debris."

Olsen said that the Coast Guard has been

contracted to clean up marine debris in all three coastal counties, and that should be starting soon as well.

Olsen also believes that the benefits of a Ferry would be tremendous for both Hancock and Harrison Counties.

"The bridge could take up to 18 months to complete," Olsen said. "In the meantime, a Ferry could help out with a lot of issues. We need to get

people back into the community, our businesses are slowly coming back, and our tourism important. People would also not have to battle the traffic as much, especially on Hwy. 49."

Olsen believes that the Ferry service would be free to residents, which would also help people with fuel costs.

As for the time table of the bridge, the answer may not be known for a

few weeks.

"MDOT is shooting for the spring time for all the pieces to be in place," said Elaine Wilkinson of Gulf Regional Planning. "We are really excited about this project. It will be tremendous for the communities. Hancock County feels isolated, and a regional connection will help out not only emotionally but economically as well."

'Bringing Us All Together' ARTS membership drive kicks off Sunday

The Arts, Hancock county will hold its next meeting Sunday, January 29 at 5:00 pm at the Bay City Grill in Bay St. Louis.

The annual membership drive will kick off at this time. Members can renew their membership and new members can sign up at this time. The theme this year is "Bringing US all together."

Membership is not limited to residents of Hancock County nor to artists. Friends of the arts are welcome to join as well.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the goals of The ARTS have been simplified to finding artists, helping artists get back to work, finding venues for selling artwork and ensuring that the arts are part of the

rebuilding process.

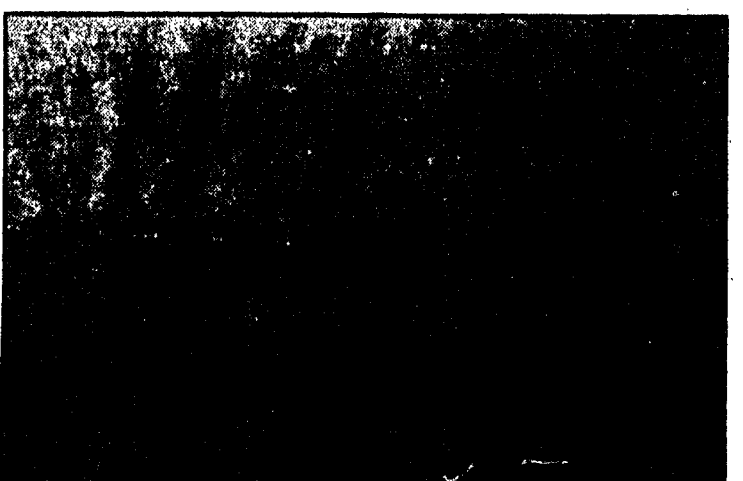
Items on the agenda include updates on the plans for a traveling

exhibit, grant information, distribution of art supplies and committee reports.

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The Bay St. Louis Masonic Lodge held its annual installation of officers on Dec. 30. Pictured from left to right, back row, Master of the Lodge Randy Shubert, Secretary Brad Smith, Chaplain Norris Sumrall, front row, installing officer Billy Joe Smith, Tiler Albert Blehl, Senior Warden, Earl Ladner, Junior Warden Farron Hoda, Junior Deacon Bradley Lacoste, and installing Marshall Stanley Hamilton. Not pictured is David Wiggins, treasurer.

Legal Notices

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND

WHEREAS, JOSEPH IVEY and MAUREEN IVEY, executed that certain Deed of Trust to MARK ORGLER, Trustee for FRESH START PROPERTIES, LLC, A Mississippi Limited Liability Company, beneficiary, which Deed of Trust is in Book 11, 2004, and which is recorded in Book 864 at Page 532 et seq. in the records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Hancock County, Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust covers the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:
The point of beginning being a 1/2 inch iron Rebar located 1,320.0 feet South and 1598.65 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, and on North 89 degrees 26 minutes 48 seconds East for 81.25 feet, along the North Right-of-way of Bismark St. To a 1 inch iron pipe, thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds West along a 5 foot cyclone fence for 86.19 feet, thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 43 seconds West for 82.51 feet to a 1/2 inch iron Rebar, thence South 1 degree 05 minutes 35 seconds East for 86.19 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel is part of the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the said Deed of Trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, FRESH START PROPERTIES, LLC, A Mississippi Limited Liability Company, having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising sums due thereunder, together with the attorney's fees and expenses of sale.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned Trustee pursuant to such authority and at the request so made, does hereby give notice that he will sell during the legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M.) on the 18th day of February, 2006, at the County Courthouse for Hancock County, Mississippi, City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the above described land and property.

The property described herein is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated October 19, 2004, from FRESH START PROPERTIES, LLC, in favor of COAST COMMUNITY BANK, as recorded in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 1, 892 at Page 101.

TO THE ABOVE described land and property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as such Trustee.

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MARK ORGLER, TRUSTEE
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BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR PROPOSED INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 22

State law permits citizens to propose amendments to the Mississippi Constitution through the initiative process. Before the sponsors of an initiative begin circulating petitions, the Secretary of State's Office is required to publish the ballot title and ballot summary of the proposed initiative in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation throughout the state. References Section 273, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, Miss. Code Ann. Sections 23-17-1 through 23-17-61. The earliest election at which this proposed initiative may be voted upon is the November 6, 2007, general election.

BALLOT TITLE

Should the Mississippi Constitution be amended to adopt legal standards defining and protecting human life as provided in Initiative #22?

BALLOT SUMMARY
Initiative #22 would amend the Mississippi Constitution to require legal recognition that human life begins and is protected at the moment of conception, and to forbid taking the life of a person by aiding a suicide attempt or by depriving an unborn person of life. "Person" would be defined (without regard for conditions such as race, sex, age, health, function or dependency) to include all stages of biological development from conception until natural death.

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Gaits to Success therapeutic riding center needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed for Gaits to Success Therapeutic Horsemanship Center to resume working with physically and mentally impaired children. The center, home to seven specially trained therapy horses, is located in Kiln and has been improving the lives of children along the Gulf Coast since 1991. The therapeutic horse-assisted activities are designed to improve muscle tone, balance, posture, coordination, motor develop-

ment and emotional well-being of children with a variety of disabilities. Certified instructors individualize the program to accommodate the needs of each student.

Volunteers are a vital part of the Gaits to Success program and perform important duties with the children and horses. Two or three volunteers are needed for each student rider to assure that a safe, productive riding session is received. Familiarity with horses is helpful but

not essential. Training is provided by certified personnel.

Volunteering at Gaits can help fulfill that New Year's Resolution about getting more exercise. And you can make a significant difference in the lives of these individuals by your gift of time. If you are interested in donating a couple hours each week to help the special children who come to Gaits, please contact Gaits to Success Director, Carolyn Rhodes at 228-255-5368.

Krewe of Diamondhead annual parade to roll Feb. 18

The Krewe of Diamondhead Parade will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2006. The theme for the parade this year is "Diamondhead Survives."

The parade will start at 12 noon at the Diamondhead Community Center and end at the Country Club. The Hancock High School Jr. Army ROTC Color Guard will lead the parade, followed by the Hancock High Eagle

Band. The route for the parade is up Gex Drive, pausing opposite Woodland Village Senior Center to toast the King & Queen of the Center, then proceed to the guard gate, turning left following Aloha Dr. to the Fire Station, turning right onto Diamondhead Dr. E., then to Golf Club Dr. to the Country Club.

There will be no Official Royalty this year due to Katrina's visit,

but last year's King Mario Feola and his Queen Charlotte Feola have agreed to appear as King Surge and Queen Katrina. Anyone wanting to enter a golf cart, small float, or are a member of a walking Krewe should call Parade Lieutenant Ron Slattery at 255-5016 for an application.

As time is short, you can also reach Ron via e-mail message at ronslattery@AOL.com or fax him at 255-8822.

Diamondhead Church to host Super Bowl Party on Feb. 5

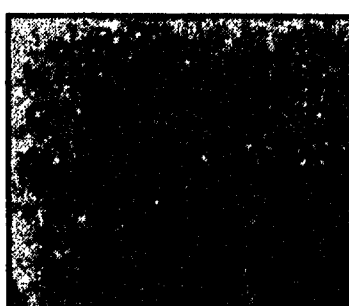
Diamondhead Community Church invites your entire family to its 2nd annual Super Bowl Party on February 5, 2006 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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Obituaries

**AIMEE L. BOBBITT
KATHERINE
COLLINS
SYLVIA EVANS
JOHNNY HALL JR.**

AIMEE L. BOBBITT
Mrs. Aimee L. Griffith Bobbitt, age 30, of Anna, Texas passed away January 20, 2006, in McKinney, Texas. She was born March 6, 1975, in Denver, Colorado to John and Kathern Griffith and raised in Kiln, Mississippi where she attended Hancock High School. On August 28, 1991, she married Bo Bobbitt in Morgan City, Louisiana.

She is survived by her husband, Bo and son, Little Bo Bobbitt both of Anna; parent, John and Kathern Griffith of Kiln, Mississippi; sister, Jill DeSalvo of Waveland, Mississippi; mother-in-law, Debbie Bobbitt; sister-in-law, DeDe Poovey of Rowlett, Texas; brother-in-law, Josh DeSalvo; grandparents, Louise and Bill Black all also of Kiln, Mississippi; two nephews, John and Jared DeSalvo of Waveland, Mississippi; grandparents, Vick and Ruth Grialva of Stockton, California.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Katty Bobbitt; brother, John Griffith; aunt, Nelly Adams; cousin, Donnie

Adams, uncles, Raymond Grialva, Michael Vera, and grandfather, John Vera.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2006, in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6:00-9:00 p.m., Tuesday at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjmfuneral.com.

**KATHERINE
COLLINS**

Katherine "Katie" Lee Collins, 37 of Waveland, MS died on Thursday, January 19, 2006 in Waveland, MS. She was born on April 10, 1968 in Bay St. Louis, MS and was a longtime resident of the Gulf Coast. She was of the Catholic Faith.

She is preceded in death by her Maternal grandfather William Bordages and her Paternal grandmother Doris Mitchell.

She is survived by her husband, Michael P. Collins of Waveland, MS; her children: Michael P. "Ty" Collins of Waveland, MS, Andrew Lambert of Biloxi, MS, Sara Lambert and Alex Lambert both of St. Augustine, FL, Amber

Collins of Shreveport, LA, Andrew Lambert of Biloxi, MS; father, Mike Lee of Bay St. Louis, MS; mother Susan Necaise & step-father Gerald of Lakeshore, MS; maternal grandmother, Helen Bordages of Bay St. Louis, MS; and 3 sisters, Melissa Tilley of Lakeshore, MS, Laura Peterson of Waveland, MS, and Jennifer Seymour of Bay St. Louis, MS.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 22, 2006 from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS with a 1:00 P.M. Prayer Service.

In Lieu of flowers the family request donations to St. Jude's Children Research, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

SYLVIA EVANS

Sylvia Evans, a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis, died on Jan. 17, in Starkville.

Known to many as "The Fish Hat Lady," Sylvia loved Old Town and evenings on the Rutherford Pier. Her favorite pastimes were Second Saturday and socializing with her many friends as she

walked through Old Town.

Sylvia is survived by her daughter, Doreen-Joyce Evans and son-in-law Capt. Robert J. Pease of Bay St. Louis; son Robert Evans and daughter-in-law Ellan Evans of New York City.

Sylvia's passing was hastened by a broken heart from Katrina's devastation to her beloved city. Her dying wish was to return to Bay St. Louis and see it reborn.

The family requests that donations in Sylvia's memory be made to the Hancock County Library Foundation.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

JOHNNY HALL JR.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, Johnny Wayne Hall Jr., age 20, of Bay St. Louis, passed away.

He attended Bay High School and First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

He was the manager of O'Reilly Auto Parts in Waveland.

He is survived by his mother Johnnie Elizabeth Pearson and stepfather Jackie E. Teabout of Waveland; his fiancée Nicole Marie Nicholas; two brothers, Richard Joseph Hall of Waveland and Danny Boy Gill of Bogalusa; a special cousin who he loved as a

sister, Sadie Michelle Smithson; grandmother Julis Mae Parker of Bogalusa; aunt Dianne and uncle Alan Bonds of Denver, Co.; aunt Debbie Keaton and Val Tamborella; uncle Gary Wilbert and aunt Tracey Mixon of Slidell; aunt Margaret Palmer and Willis Casside of Ala.; Diane Miller of Bogalusa; uncle Tommy and aunt Barbara Hall of Bogalusa; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Johnny W. Hall Sr.; his grandmother Patricia Darlene Wilbert; uncle Richard Lynn Brown and grandfather John W. Pearson.

Funeral services were held Mondat at D.T. Williams Funeral Home in Pearl River.

Interment followed at Haaswood Cemetery in Slidell.

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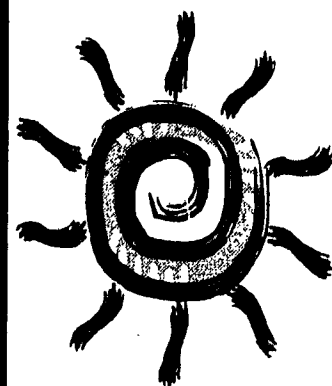
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Bay High DECA members advance to state competition in Tupelo Feb. 11-14

SEA COAST ECHO

Bay High School DECA members recently competed in various competency-based competitive events at the Mississippi DECA District V competition. DECA is an association for Marketing and Cooperative Education students.

The top six winners in each event advance to the State Career Development Conference that will be held in Tupelo on February 11-14.

All Bay High members who attended the conference advanced to the state level. They will be joined by other BHS DECA members who are involved in written projects.

Bay High winners were: D'ondre Bell & Tina Fontenot, 5th place,

Hospitality Services Management Decision Making Team; Katherine Vaughan & Robert Labat, 4th place, Business Law & Ethics Management Decision Making Team; Mignon May & Hannah Johnson, 3rd place, Financial Services Management Decision Making Team; Henry Monti & Teddy Morris, 2nd place, E-Commerce Management Decision Making Team; Molly Egloff & Katie Morris, 2nd place, Travel & Tourism Marketing Decision Making Team; Mary Monks & Mellisa Akers, 1st place, Sports & Entertainment Marketing Decision Making Team; Doug Adams, Casey Dedeaux, & Anthony Ladner, 1st place, Quiz Bowl; Cody Tomasich, 6th place, Restaurant & Food

Service Management; Anthony Ladner, 5th place, Apparel & Accessories - Associate Level; Rachel Minear, 5th place, Marketing Management Series; Bryce Tomasich, 5th place, Retail Merchandising - Associate Level; Nick Patterson, 5th place, Retail Merchandising - Management Level; Danielle McKay, 4th place, Apparel & Accessories - Management Level; TJ Cassibry, 3rd place, Food Marketing - Associate Level; Ashton Hudson, 2nd place, Accounting Applications Series; Alyce Brogle, 2nd place, Business Services Marketing; Jeff Baudin, 2nd place, Quick Serve Restaurant Management; Jamie Lafontaine, 2nd place, Vehicles &

Petroleum Marketing; Josh Kennedy, 1st place, Food Marketing - Management Level; and Heidi Egloff, 1st place, Public Speaking. Marie LaFrance, Camille Keith, and Tasia Poyadou presented the Bay High DECA scrapbook in the Chapter of the Year competition, placing 1st and advancing to State.

Becca Hubbard also qualified to run for the Mississippi District V Vice-President. She will be campaigning at the State Career Development Conference.

Julie Nichols, Marketing Teacher and Pam Naylor, Cooperative Education Teacher serve as DECA Advisors with over 90 members in their DECA chapter at Bay High School.

Stennis senior management change

NASA on Monday announced senior management changes involving the agency's John C. Stennis Space Center.

William (Bill) Parsons, director of Stennis Space Center, has accepted the position of deputy center director at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Parsons became Stennis director in September 2005.

Richard Gilbrech will take over as Stennis Space Center director. He has served as deputy

director of the agency's Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va., and deputy director of NASA's Engineering Safety Center. He started his career at Stennis in 1991 and later served as the director of the center's Program Integration Office. He has worked at the agency's Johnson Space Flight Center's White Sands Facility, N.M.; Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala.; and Glenn Research Center, Cleveland. He earned a

bachelor's in aerospace engineering from Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss.; master's and doctoral degrees from the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

"I have had a great experience at Langley," Gilbrech said, "both in the NASA Engineering and Safety Center and as deputy center director and will miss the fine folks there. I am excited about this new opportunity and look forward to returning to the place

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Rocks down Blue Devils 61-36; Pass & SSC claim wins in Hoops Fest

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws claimed a Division 8-4A win over the Pearl River Central Blue Devils 61-36 on Friday, January 20th at the Father Peter Mockler Gymnasium.

The first period ended with SSC (6-5, 2-2) up 13-11 before the Rocks jumped out at halftime 31-19. Brandon Butler and Mike Rice each scored 20 points to lead the Rock attack.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "This was a hard fought game from the tipoff. It was a great team effort as we got into foul trouble early on and had to rely on some odd lineups that either played kids out of position or had not seen much varsity time. PRC was pumped up and ready to play and the atmosphere in the gym was a good one."

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws and Pass Christian Pirates both claimed wins in the annual Hoops Fest held at Gulfport High School on Saturday, January 21st.

The normal site for the annual Hoops Fest event has been the Mississippi Coast Coliseum; however, due to the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina on August 29th the event was moved to the Bert Jenkins Gymnasium at Gulfport High School.

Some of the proceeds from Hoops Fest 06 was targeted for Coliseum repair; however, Coliseum executive director Bill Holmes stated Saturday that those funds will be split between Pass Christian, Bay High and St. Stanislaus. He com-

mented, "Those schools lost everything." His quote was part of his discussion about the three schools losing most of everything on their respective campuses and the basketball teams having to play their schedules away from their normal home environments.

The Pirates (10-8) played their 18th consecutive game on the road on Saturday when they defeated the Vancleave Bulldogs 76-60.

The Pirates were left with a non-functional gym following Katrina and have played all their games on the road this season.

Armand Bailey led Pass Christian with 21 points followed by Willis Brownlee with 17 points.

The Rock-a-chaws defeated Ocean Springs 55-50 on Saturday. Mike Rice led SSC with 20 points and scored 11 of those points in the third period.

SSC was down at halftime to the Greyhounds 29-24 but Rice keyed a 14-5 third period run that gave SSC a 38-34 lead in the final period.

Rice, 6-5 senior forward who is also being recruited by Army and Princeton as a tight end/defensive end in football, also added 13 rebounds and three blocks to his stat sheet.

The only girls game in Hoops Fest 2006 was between Hancock and Picayune. The Lady Maroon Tide had twice beaten Hancock in earlier matchups this season; however, this time around it was Dedra Magee who beat the Lady Hawks.

The 5-8 senior guard is considered one of the hottest recruits in the

state and is receiving interest from Ole Miss, USM and Southeastern Louisiana.

Magee fought off a nasty cold to score 35 points and lead Picayune to a 41-31 win over Hancock (16-6). She scored 23 of her points in the second half as Picayune rebounded from a 24-17 deficit at halftime.

While Hancock was hot in the first half jumping out to a 22-9 lead late in the first half, they were held to just seven points in the second half.

In other Hoops Fest games, the Panthers of Pascagoula held off for a narrow 40-38 win over Picayune (17-3). Randy Perkins led Picayune with 15 points.

Moss Point defeated Biloxi 85-68 and Harrison Central defeated Long Beach 58-34. In the marquee matchup of the event, Gulfport remained undefeated at 21-0 with their 71-62 win over Starkville (17-3).

Also on Saturday, Hancock fell to Gautier 38-37. Noah Heitzmann led Hancock with 9 points.

On Friday, January 20th the Pass Christian Pirates split a pair of varsity games with Poplarville and Gulfport. The Pirates fell 62-59 to Poplarville while the Lady Pirates nipped the Lady Admirals of Gulfport 51-47. Hillary Dedaux led Pass Christian with 18 points. Scoring details of the varsity boys game were not available.

In high soccer action, the Hancock Hawks were swept by Harrison Central. The Red Rebels shutout Hancock 6-0 while the Lady Hawks were beat 6-1.

The OLA Crescents (6-2) blanked St. John 2-0 on goals from Mischa Tice and Megan Bagwell. Annie Giardino recorded the shutout in goal.

Upcoming action on the hardwood include Bay High/Picayune on January 24th and the Tigers/Blue Devils on Friday, January 27th. The Rocks are scheduled to Poplarville on the road on Tuesday evening. The Hancock Hawks will be on the road against Harrison Central and Ocean Springs on Tuesday and Friday, respectively. Scoring details for the games will be available in upcoming editions of the newspaper.

In high soccer action, the Bay High Tigers and St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws locked horns in a key Division 8-4A matchup on Tuesday, January 24th. Scoring details of that game will be available in Saturday's edition.

OLA played host to Newman High School while Hancock retained Biloxi on Tuesday evening. Scoring details will be provided in Saturday's edition.

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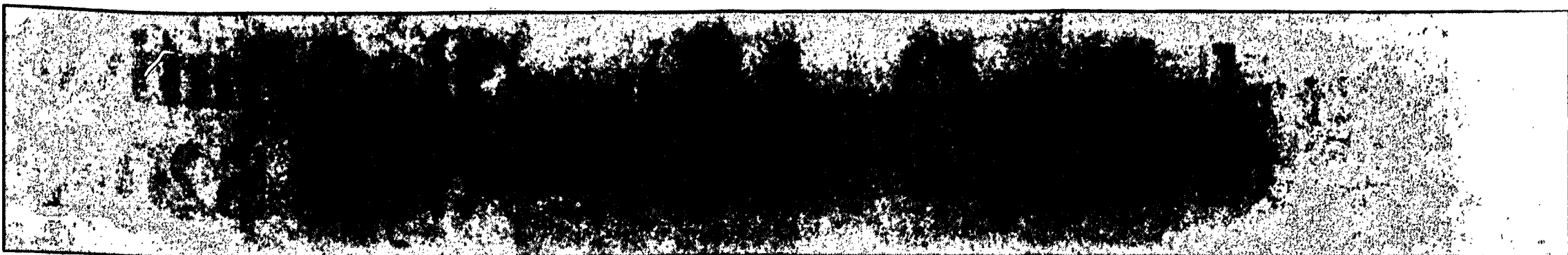
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